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SCOTTISH TRAITS.

The following is a fuller report of the speech of Mr. A. G. Gordon, chairman of the Burns dinner, than we were able in the time at our disposal to give in yesterday's issue:—

Gentlemen, I have the pleasure of speaking to you about certain traits of character of the Scottish people. One of the first traits is their humour. We are, I hope, a Christian people, but I am certain that our Christianity has been tested a good many times by that often repeated proverb of Sidney Smith's that it takes a surgical operation to get a joke into a Scotchman's head.

A recent writer, whom I cannot identify, and whose name I do not want to know, denies that there is anything in our humour that is light in touch, delicate and graceful. He asserts instead that there is much that is austere and awkward, tiresome, and unpleasant. Now each nation takes its own humour in its own way—some joyously, some seriously, but none more conscientiously than the Scotch.

If you want the most beautiful flower of humour, wit, you must go to France for it. There is no wit so subtle, so finished, so complete as the French wit, especially the wit of the Parisian. There you will find what might be termed the aristocracy of wit.

What I mean by wit is this. Two men were riding together one day through Paris. One was exceedingly bright and clever, while the other was correspondingly dull. As is usually the case, the latter monopolized the conversation. The talk of the dullard had become almost unendurable, when an companion saw a man on the street far ahead yawning. "Look," he exclaimed, "we are overheard!"

That story divides the sheep from the goats. I was telling it once to a Scotch lady, who remarked: "How could they have been overheard at that distance?"

"Madam," I replied, "that never occurred to me before."

The Scotch have no wit. Life to them has been too intense and too bitter a struggle for the production of humour of the French kind. Neither have they drollery, which is the result of standing the intellect upon its head, so that it sees things bottom upwards. This is the possession of the Irish—not the North Irish, who are only Scotch people who went over to Ireland to be born, but the South Irishman, the Milesian, who sees things upside down habitually. It is because of drollery that these lovable, kind-hearted people are so irresistible.

An Irishman was once sent to deliver a live hare, which escaped and started to run for its liberty. The Irishman made no attempt at pursuit. Not he. He simply shook his sides with laughter, while he exclaimed: "Ye may run, ye may run and kape on running, but small good it'll do ye. Ye haven't got the address!"

A Scot's humour is always grim because he is always in contact with the tragedy of life. A Scotchman goes out to play golf. He is annoyed by a slow player who is ahead of him on the links, and tells his caddy to gather up the sticks and go back to the club, as he does not want to follow a funeral procession all day. The caddy replies, after thought: "Ah, noo! Dinna be hasty. He might drop dead afore he has gone three holes." Is there any nation like this, sensible always of the divinites hanging over them?

Scotch humour is always dry and never sweet; always biting and never consoling. There was a Scotch woman whose husband was sick. Although she attended the church of the Rev. Norman MacLeod, she sent for another minister to administer spiritual advice to her husband. The minister came and discovered that the man was suffering from typhus fever. In speaking to the wife he asked her what church she attended. She replied that she went to Norman's church.

"Then why did you not have him come?" was the query.

"Why," answered the woman, "do you think we would risk Norman with the typhus fever?"

The grimmest example of Scotch humour that I ever heard is this story that was told me of a criminal, condemned to death, just before his execution his counsel went to see him for the purpose of cheering him up. He told the Scot that sentence had been pronounced, it was perfectly just, and he must hope for no mercy, but he asked if there were anything he could do for him. The condemned man thanked him, said he was most kind, and there was one request he would make.

"What is that?" asked his visitor.

"I would ask you to go to my chest and fetch my Sabbath blacks."

"And what do you want with your Sabbath blacks?"

"I wish to wear them as a mark of respect for the deceased," replied the condemned man.

An Englishman meets a Scotsman in a pouring rain and remarks that it is a regular deluge. The Scotsman does not say that it is a deluge—in the first place because there will never be another. The next that you are likely to get him to admit is that "If it were gann to keep on as it's doing, it might be wet afore evening." And he can retreat from that!

I have heard of a Scottish farmer who kept up a discussion on the topic of "Faith" during a ten-mile railway journey, dismounted at the end of it, and as the train was moving off, called out: "The 10 p.m. Car will be discontinued."

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Meas. Vernon & Smyth, in their weekly share report dated the 26th January, 1917, state:—

Since our last report the Chinese New Year Holidays have intervened and business has been practically at a standstill. At time of going to press a few cash transactions have been put through at reduced rates, but until money becomes easier no marked increase in rates can be expected. The Rubber Market according to latest advices from Singapore remains unchanged. The following are our today's wire prices from Singapore:—

Alor Gajahs	\$3.90
Glenelg	2.40
Kedahs	4.10
Kempas	8.10
Malaka Pindas	2.30
Malakoffs	4.00
New Serendals	4.30
Sandycrofts	5.00
Tapahs	2.10

Plantation Rubber in London is quoted at 2/11. Sterling T/T is quoted 2/3. Silver 37 1/16. Shanghai T/T and Bank's buying rate for 3 d/s. Bills are still nominal. Singapore T/T is 99.

BANKS.—These are now in request at \$705 with no shares offering.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Small sales of Cantons are reported at \$375. Prices for the following are all nominal: North China Tls. 130, Yangtzes \$255, and Union \$360.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China Fires and Hong Kong Fires remain nominal at \$155 and \$375 respectively.

SHIPPING.—Douglases after sales at \$110, are now quoted at \$117 buyers. The demand, however, is very limited and holders are now offering to sell at this figure. Steamboats have still buyers at \$204. Indos (preferred) are nominal at \$414. Deferred were quoted this morning buyers at \$132, but at the close there are no buyers over \$132. Star Ferries have sellers at \$34.

QUIN.—No business has transpired in these, and rates are nominal as follows: Langkats Tls. 24, Ural Caspians 32/8, Shells 160/- ex dividend.

REMERIES.—China Sugars, business has to-day been done at \$127 and \$120. Malakos are wanted at \$37 and \$39 offered for March.

MINING.—There is no change to report in the market.

WHARVES.—Sales have taken place at \$25, and are now wanted at \$26.

DOCKS.—Kowloon Docks have changed hands at \$125. Shanghai Docks remain nominal at Tls. 57.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Centrals have sellers at \$100, Hongkong Hotels \$115, Kowloon Lands \$35 and West Points \$80, Hongkong Lands are nominal at \$95, and Humphreys are in demand at \$7.

COTTONS.—The Shanghai Stock Exchange is closed until Monday next, and quotations remain nominal as follows: Ewes Tls. 145, Kung Yiks Tls. 134 ex dividend, Shanghai Cottons Tls. 117, and Yangtzepeos Tls. 51.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos have buyers at \$74, China Lights \$42, Cement \$11.00, Waterbores \$16, Watsons \$9, Powells \$8, Steam Laundries \$32.

The following are quoted nominal: Providents \$9, Dairy Farms \$23, Electrics \$31, Lees \$160, Lopes \$34, Peak Trans (old) \$10, and (new) \$1.

MEMO.—Next Settling Day, January 29th. Malabar Sugars Co.—Transfer books will be closed from 1st to 15th February. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.—Transfer books closed from 31st January to 13th February.

out to his antagonist: "I dinna deny what ye brocht forward from the Romans, but I take my stand there and now (he was holding on to a railway post) on the Epistle of James." Now, if working farmers can conduct a discussion of that kind, and conduct it well, after dinner, what cannot such a nation in its serious moments do before dinner?

The Scot is endowed with an excess of caution; unnecessary reserve. Recently a train in Scotland came to a junction, where the porter shouted inside each carriage: "Change carriages for Dumfries, Callendar, and the Trossachs." After he had gone, an old Scotsman said: "I'm for Duan m'el, but I would not let on to that man." This story shows the national reserve carried too far; it would, perhaps, be a good thing if the Scotch people "let on" more than they do.

It follows as a natural consequence for the inhabitants of a country so poor as Scotland to emigrate when there are so many rich lands to go to. But everywhere that the Scotsman goes he retains his characteristics. Never revolutionary, he is for culture and everything that is for the welfare of his adopted nation. The problem with Scotsmen going to other countries is: "How did they get along until we got here?"

"Lord gie us a guide conceit o' oursel's," may be called the national prayer, and there is, perhaps, no prayer that has been so remarkably answered. Once a Scotsman, cornered with Shakespeare, said: "Shakespeare might a been an Englishman—we hae nae evidence to the contrary—but he was able enough ta hae been a Scotsman."

The Scotch have one illusion, too. It is that nobody notices their accent.

A Scotsman is asked what part of Scotland he came from, his first remark, after answering the question, is apt to be: "Now that is curious. How did ye let I came from Scotland at all?"

There exists between all natives of Scotland a bond of sympathy. Where do you find persons who love their country as do the Scotch? Let three Scotsmen meet in a foreign city and they form a St. Andrew's Society to assist their countrymen.

Scotland has been a stern mother to her children, never overfeeding them, and using the stick when it was necessary; and when they have departed from their native land they always look back and bless her. Ours is a little country, and that is, perhaps, one reason that we love it so well.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. A. CHAPMAN, V.D.

1.—JOINED.

Pte. S. E. Grimstone having joined is allotted Corps No. 2052 and posted to Scouts Company.

2.—RESIGNED.

No. 1900 Pte. R. G. Murdoch is permitted to resign, dated 19th January, 1917.

3.—LEAVE.

Reference Corps Order No. 3 of 12th January, 1917, the leave therein granted to No. 1291 Pte. S. S. Moore is hereby cancelled.

No. 2008 Pte. H. E. Spencer Payne is granted 2 weeks' leave from 24th January, 1917.

No. 2000 Pte. R. H. Sharp is granted 3 months' extension of leave to 26th April, 1917.

4.—PROMOTION.

To be Temporary Lance-Sergeant during his absence for 12 months' leave from 5th February, 1917, No. 1086 Corpl. A. Hamilton.

5.—PARADES.

Sunday, 28th inst.:—

8.30 a.m. Belchers 6th Section at Belchers Battery in marching order, 150 rounds ball ammunition, for inspection and half-charge gun practice.

Monday, 29th inst.:—

6.10 p.m. Centre Section M.G. Co. drill at Kowloon Dock. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m.

6.15 p.m. Artillery Battery and Right Section M.G. Co. section drill on Murray Parade Ground.

6.15 p.m. Left Section M.G. Co. and Civil Service Co. Bayonet exercises at Headquarters.

6.15 p.m. Scouts Company platoon drill on Cricket Ground.

6.15 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground under Cpl. Grimes.

6.30 p.m. Signalling Section, Class "B," at R. A. Theatre.

Tuesday, 30th inst.:—

5 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

6.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters.

6.30 p.m. Signalling Section, Class "B," at R. A. Theatre.

Wednesday, 31st inst.:—

6.15 p.m. Engineer Company (Taikoo Section only) section drill at Taikoo Docks.

6.45 p.m. Signalling Section, Classes "A" and "C," at Happy Valley for field work.

Thursday, 1st Feb.:—

5 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

6.30 p.m. Signalling Section, Class "B," at R. A. Theatre.

Friday, 2nd Feb.:—

6.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters. C.S.M. Witchell and Cpl. Grimes will attend.

6.30 p.m. Signalling Section, Class "B," at R. A. Theatre.

Sunday, 4th Feb.:—

8.45 a.m. All units at Headquarters for route march. Dress: Marching order without tunic, greatcoat and mess tin.

6.—DETAIL.

On duty 4th Feb.—Scouts Company.

Do. 5th Feb.—Do.

Do. 6th Feb.—Civil Service Co.

Do. 7th Feb.—Artillery Battery.

Do. 8th Feb.—Belchers 6th Section.

Do. 9th Feb.—Centre Sec. M.G. Co.

Do. 10th Feb.—Right Sec. M.G. Co.

Orderly Officer from 4th to 10th Feb.—Lieut. Weall.

A. F. CHURCHILL, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.O.

Hongkong, January 26th, 1917.

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HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 3RD, 1917.

VACCINATION DUTIES.

Members of the Saiyungpun and Queen's College Divisions will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 29th, at the Western Sanitary Board Office for House-to-House Vaccination-duty.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

The following Appointments and Promotions are made provisionally, pending confirmation by General J. C. Dalton, Chief Commissioner:—

Chieh Tiang-ean, M.B., B.S., to be Divisional Surgeon, and posted to Victoria Division.

Ho Lung, to be Divisional Superintendent, and posted to the Victoria Division.

Lau Lu-chung to be Ambulance Officer, and posted to the Victoria Division.

Privates Lau Ching and Tam Shik-ling, Saiyungpun Division, to be Lance-Corporals.

Private Kong Ki-fai, Queen's College Division, to be Lance-Corporal.

PARADES.

Y.M.C.A. Division:—

Company Drill and Stretcher Drill daily at 8 p.m. until further notice.

Saiyungpun Division:—

Field Day with Hongkong Volunteer Reserves. Fall in on the Cricket Ground, Sunday, 28th inst. at 8.30 a.m. Dress: Shorts, puttees, helmets, haversacks (fitted) and water-bottles (fitted).

Stretcher will be required.

Victoria Division:—

Monday, 5.15 p.m.—Lecture on First Aid.

Tuesday, 5.15 p.m.—Company Drill.

Friday, 5.15 p.m.—Lecture on First Aid.

(Sd.) E. RAHNS, (Officer in Charge of District), Hongkong, January 26th, 1917.

HONGKONG RESERVES.

ORDERS BY MAJOR. WAKEMAN, H.K.V.O.

DETAIL.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, 28th January, to the morning of Sunday, 4th February:—"B" Coy. H.K.V.R.

Orderly Officer—Lieut. B. R. Branch. Next for duty—H.K.V.C.

PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3RD, 1917.

Sunday, 28th January:—

"A" and "B" Cos., including Signalling and Machine-gun Sections, on the Cricket Ground at 8.30 a.m. Kowloon Residents of "A" Coy. at Kowloon City at 9.15 a.m. Taikoo and Kowloon Residents of "B" Coy. at Yumati Police Station at 9 a.m. Dress: Drill order.

Great coats should be carried and left on the launch.

Monday, 29th January:—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lee-Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Machine-gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Tuesday, 30th January:—

"A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taikoo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Wednesday, 31st January:—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order.

"D" Coy. at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order. It is requested that all members will attend.

Thursday, 1st February:—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order.

Machine-gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lee-Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigues.

A test will be held on this date, details of which are posted on the Equipment Cupboard at Volunteer Headquarters.

Friday, 2nd February:—

"A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 5 p.m. Kowloon and Taikoo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

STRENGTH.

No. 259 Pte. N. S. Marshall is permitted to resign.

Pte. W. Gallagher having joined is allotted Corps No. 634 and posted to Coy. "A," Platoon No. IV, Section 16.

Pte. G. L. Buchanan having joined is allotted Corps No. 635 and posted to Coy. "A," Platoon No. I, Section 4.

G. K. H. BRUTTON, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.R.

Hongkong, January 26th, 1917.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

NO. 3 AND 4 COMPANIES.

The attention of all recruits and all members who did not fire (or failed to pass) Part II. of last year's Course is drawn to Orders of Jan. 25th and 26th.

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M.

Monday, Jan. 29th.—No. 2 Company, "Maxim Gunners," All Recruits.

Tuesday, Jan. 30th.—Nos. 3 and 4 Companies, Ambulance Platoon, and Bugles and Drummers.

Wednesday, Jan. 31st.—All Recruits.

Friday, Feb. 2nd.—No. 1 Company.

PATROL EQUIPMENT, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Warning officers will detail one Sergt. or one P.-c. on each shift in Central District to supervise the issue and return of Whistles, Capes, Belts, etc. The Sergt. or P.-c. so detailed is to be indicated on the Patrol List.

Visiting Inspectors will make it part of their duty to report any want of proper supervision in this matter, or any irregularity in entering up the Equipment Book.

JOINED.

No. 1 Company.—James Maxwell.

No. 2 Company.—A. A. Place, E. J. F. Gomes, and J. G. Gill.

(Sd.) F. C. JENNIN, D.S.P. (R.).

PEER FINED FOR BEING DRUNK.

When Lord Headley, aged 61, was charged at Tower Bridge Police Court last month with having been drunk and disorderly at Waterloo-road, a police constable said that after having been ejected from Waterloo Station he placed his arm round the neck of a woman.

Lord Headley, who declined to take the oath, stating that he would wear "on his honour as a Peer of the realm," said that he had been working on intricate calculations all the previous night and was very tired when he arrived at Waterloo. All that he had had to drink was two bottles of stout and a cup of coffee. He denied that he had put his arm around the woman's neck. "I may have so far forgotten myself as to try and kiss a pretty young woman," he said; "I have done it before, but not an old frump, as they say this woman was."

The magistrate fined him 10s. and ordered 20s. of his bail to be estreated. Notice of appeal was given.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, last evening. The Right Rev. G. H. Lander, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, presided over a large attendance, and was supported by the Rev. H. C. Moyle, M.A.; Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, (hon. treasurer); Mr. W. L. Pattenden, (hon. secretary); the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, and Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Hon. Treasurer, said:—In presenting the annual accounts there are two or three points I should like to draw attention to. At the annual meeting last year I made a special appeal for donations for the repairs which were necessary to prevent the fabric of the Cathedral from falling into decay; and I stated that, if 20 parishioners would follow the example of Mrs. Anstruther and the Hon. Mr. Severn and give \$50 each, the repairs would be paid for without encroaching upon the general fund. Unfortunately, only \$420, were contributed in response to this appeal, and as a result we find that the expenditure in 1916 exceeds the income by \$575, and the credit balance of \$317 brought forward from last year becomes a debit of \$57. I should mention, however, that although there were 53 Sundays in 1916 the offertory on the extra Sunday (which was the last day of the year) is not included in the accounts, as it necessarily did not reach my hands until this month. Rigid economy was observed in regard to the repairs, only necessary work being undertaken under the able supervision of our honorary architects, Mr. Leask and Mr. Wood, to whom the thanks of the congregation are due. (Applause.) After the repairs were finished Mr. Titcher kindly took in hand the work of replanting and improving the compound at a cost of \$77. Unfortunately the adjacent building operations and the prolonged drought have combined to mar the result, but when these two causes have ceased to operate it is hoped that a great improvement will be noticed.

A house allowance has been substituted for the rent of the Chaplain's house on the cancellation of the lease of the latter. On the architect's advice the fire insurance has been considerably increased, and it is thought that the building and contents are now fully insured. A new side-chapel screen has been erected, and the side chapel has been completely furnished, at the sole cost of a lady and gentleman who prefer to remain anonymous. Many of the congregation highly appreciate the result of these generous gifts. (Applause.)

Turning to receipts, you will notice an increase in the ordinary income of about \$500, which is accounted for by increased offertories and donations. Pew rents show a slight falling off, and now amount to just over \$3,000, representing 200 seats.

The question of pew rents is to be discussed at a later stage, and I will now only point out that the work of the Cathedral cannot be carried on without this source of income unless seat-holders will submit to the self-denying ordinance which is to be suggested to them, and continue to pay at least the equivalent of the rents in the shape of donations.

Special collections show an increase of nearly \$1,000. Out of the total of \$3,638, sums amounting to \$2,148, have been contributed to various War Funds. The largest items are the Prisoners of War collection on the 4th August (\$909) and the collections at Organ Recitals for the Navy League Memorial Hospital (\$616). In this connection it may interest you to know that the collection for Prisoners of War on the first Sunday of this year realised \$834.

No demands were made on the Choir Fund in 1916 beyond the usual payments for Choir Boys, tunings and printing, and there is a small balance in hand. The small Endowment and Reserve Funds are unchanged, standing at \$16,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

The subscriptions to the Assistant Chaplain Fund show a falling off of \$370, and the balance has been diminished by nearly \$500. From the accounts generally it will be seen that, although the Cathedral is not actually in debt, the margin is very fine, and current expenses can only be met if the income is kept up, whilst the necessity of paying passage money in the current year will make an additional call on our income.

Bishop Norris, in one of his stirring addresses, emphasised the duty of all Christians not to "starve their Churches" in spite of the demands of War Funds, and since the Mission there has, I think, been an increased interest in Church work which has led to the loosening of purse strings. Since the War began it has become usual to point out the duty of giving instead of appealing, to the sentiments of the charitable, and it may surely be laid down as a general principle that the first duty of every member of the Church of England in the Colony is to see that the Mother Church of the Colony is not starved.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop said:—In moving the adoption of the statement of accounts which has been so ably expounded by the Hon. Treasurer, I feel that we have many causes for thankfulness with regard to the past year and some reasons for earnest thought and much prayer for the future. The National Mission of Repentance and Hope stands out as a very prominent feature in the year's work. We all owe a very deep debt of gratitude to Bishop Norris and the Rev. A.D. Stewart for all the help that they gave to us. The Council that arranged for the meetings was indefatigable and the secretaries, Messrs. Pattenden and Gerken, are to be heartily congratulated on their effective advertising and organising. The Treasurer, Mr. W. M. Humphreys, reported that at the closing of the Council that some \$1,000 had been voluntarily subscribed and that the total expenses of the Mission were less than \$1,000, so the Council instructed me to ask Bishop Norris' acceptance of \$500 to be used in his Diocese in any way that he wished.

The engagements of the Chaplains, the Revs. H. Copley Moyle and H. G. H. Griffith will both terminate within the next thirteen months. It is now nearly five years since the former gave up the valuable living of Iping in Sussex to come out here, and early next year will be three years since Mr. Griffith gave up curacy in Wales to come out as assistant Chaplain. The new Church Body will have the responsibility of making new arrangements with these gentlemen, or forming other plans for the carrying on of the work of the Church.

Referring to the seat-renting principle, the Bishop said, it may be contended that it is a great convenience to regular members of the congregation, especially perhaps to the deaf and infirm, that they should have a place reserved for them until the hour of commencing service, and such a place is so reserved that they may the better fulfil their share in the Divine worship; and it is only fair to say that sweeping away pew rents does not necessarily fill Churches. There are new rented Churches that are crowded for every service, and there are free Churches that are practically empty. But, on the other hand, if letting sittings cause them to be left unoccupied because tenants do not have them used as every service, the system may be doing more harm to the Church than the money does good. And in my opinion to have all seats free in our places of worship is more in accordance with the teaching of the New Testament.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

AUDITOR.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn moved, and Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded, that Mr. H. C. Sandford be reappointed auditor, and this was agreed to.

CHURCH BOX.

The following were appointed lay members of the Church Box:—Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Messrs. E. V. D. Parr, W. L. Pattenden, N. J. Stabb, and A. H. Harris. Commodore Sandeman was elected by the ballot, but declined office.

THE QUESTION OF FREE SEATS.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, proposed the following motion:—"That this meeting of seat-holders and subscribers requests the Church Body not to let any new sitting, and to invite each registered seatholder to resign his or her sitting, and to contribute a sum not less than the rent of such sitting year by year to the Cathedral Funds: every sitting so resigned to become a Free Seat." He said he did not mean to press his motion, and he would content himself with a proposal to throw the seats open in the evening. He thought that would make a great difference.

Dr. Earl seconded the motion. Mr. Bowley supported the proposal, which was favourably received, but there seemed to be a feeling that it was inopportune at the present time.

It was ultimately agreed that all seats should be free at 5 minutes before the service begins.

MORE SELF-SACRIFICE WANTED.

Commodore Sandeman proposed, in connection with the recent National Mission, that the Church Body be requested to consider whether it is necessary to take any steps towards the promotion of greater self-sacrifice among the British population of Hongkong at this critical period of our national history, and if so, to recommend what steps should be taken. It seemed to him that the National Mission, having done so well, should be followed up, and this was one way in which they could do this.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted.

THE CATHEDRAL LESSONS.

Captain W. H. B. Carr, R.E., proposed that the Revised Version of the Bible be used for reading the lessons in the Cathedral, Captain Carr undertaking to provide a sum not exceeding \$50 for the purchase of this Bible, in the event of the proposal being adopted.

The Rev. C. L. Cooper Hunt seconded the motion.

The Rev. H. C. Moyle said that as a matter of fact, and after consultation with the Bishop, it was the Revised Version that was being read in the Cathedral at present.

By a show of hands the meeting concurred in the change.

On the proposal of the Rev. H. C. Moyle the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed.

SMALL-POX IN HONGKONG.

STATEMENT BY DR. WOODMAN.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board yesterday, Dr. Woodman, Medical Officer of Health, made the following report in connection with small-pox:—

Owing to the Chinese New Year we had to stop vaccinations on January 20th, but it is proposed to resume on the 24th. During the five and a half weeks that we have been working we have vaccinated 113,195 people, whilst the Chinese Dispensaries and other Hospitals have vaccinated about 55,000 more. During the last week our staff vaccinated 2,000 cases, which I think shows that there must be plenty more people who wish to be vaccinated. The small-pox epidemic is neither increasing nor decreasing, but I am afraid that we may get an increase in about ten days' time owing to the Chinese New Year. There have been up to date 1,004 cases in all now, with 708 deaths. Of the cases last year two-thirds were dumped, and the proportion up to date this year is the same. With regard to the effects of vaccination, only 96 of the cases that occurred last year were vaccinated, nearly all not since childhood, and of these 16 died, i.e., 24 per cent. Of the remaining 648 unvaccinated cases, 528 had died up to the end of last year and there were still many under treatment. This is equal to 81 per cent. of deaths. This means that if the unvaccinated people had been vaccinated probably only about 130 would have died, a saving of nearly 400 lives. The proportion of vaccinated cases to unvaccinated is about the same this year as last, which shows that the recently vaccinated people are not catching small-pox, and also suggests that many more people would have caught small-pox if there had been no vaccination done, and also that a lot more people require vaccinating.

The average age of the vaccinated people who caught small-pox was 26, of the unvaccinated under 5 years.

With regard to the effect of recent vaccination, I have not seen or heard of any case of small-pox occurring in a person who had been vaccinated successfully 14 days previously—the incubation period of small-pox is about 14 days—and there is no doubt that successfully vaccinated people are immune. In every case where the patient has been successfully vaccinated 7 days before the appearance of the disease the patient has had a mild attack, and has recovered. The great difficulty in dealing with the epidemic has been the concealment of the disease by at least four out of every five cases are never discovered at all, or only the bodies found dumped after death, which means that no disinfection can be carried out in these cases. The chief reasons for this failure to notify cases are, firstly, the objection the Chinese have to disinfection, and, secondly, that removal of the Chinese principles of treatment of the disease.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to Mr. Tso, who has not only worked extremely hard himself but has been successful in transmitting to the Kaiphongs and vaccinators working in his district some of his own interest in the work, and I am sure that it is the special effort made in the Western District that has seen the vaccination campaign in other parts of the City and Kowloon so successful. I must also give my thanks to those Chinese gentlemen who have provided vaccinators at their own expense to come and help, to the Police Reserve Ambulance section who turned out on Sunday, December 24th, and vaccinated 1,025 cases; to the St. John Ambulance Brigade Y.M.C.A. Division, who started evening vaccination at their Headquarters on January 8th and later started several more stations outside, vaccinating in all 3,569 cases; to the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Victoria Division, who started a station near Causeway Bay on January 8th and have maintained it at their own expense, vaccinating 3,113 persons, and have also provided me with a vaccinator for house to house work; to the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Sai Ying-Pun Division, who gave up the first week of their holidays to assist, and vaccinated 3,092 cases; to those Chinese medical students and members of the R.A.M.C. who assisted as, and, lastly, to our own Sanitary Inspectors, both those who have vaccinated and given up their holidays to do so, and also the others who had extra work thrown on their shoulders through so many being taken off regular duty. I hope I may rely on all those I have mentioned to continue to help us when we start vaccination again next week.

There was no other business of public interest at the meeting. Mr. D. W. Tatman presided, and those also present were:—Col. Grien, Dr. Onorio, Messrs. W. Hon Tso and Chan Kai Ming, with Dr. Woodman (Medical Officer of Health) and Mr. Adam Gibson (Secretary).

SPORT.

CRICKET.

SHANGHAI BOYS' v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent "Shanghai Boys" in their match with the University on the Civil Service Ground this afternoon at 2 o'clock:—S. E. Green (Capt.), Arthur da Souza, A. da Souza, W. H. Stapleton, A. V. Stapleton, A. E. Golding, H. Ramsay, A. Ramsay, D. P. Dixon, F. J. Ede, G. Manley and M. J. Stubbs.

KOWLOON v. CIVIL SERVICE.

The following will represent Kowloon in their match with the Civil Service on the Kowloon Ground to-day:—J. P. Robinson, J. V. Braga, J. H. Mead, E. J. Edmonds, H. Overy, W. Kay, A. A. Bernie, W. T. Elson, W. L. Weaver, L. J. Blackburn, J. C. Fletcher and A. O. Brown.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C.:—Hon. Mr. C. Severn (Captain), R. E. O. Bird, R. C. Witlell, F. J. Ling, C. F. Mason, S. E. Alderman, E. W. Hamilton, C. J. Tacchi, E. W. Dawson, W. H. Edmunds, O. Sarz, Umpire, W. H. Woolley; scorer, W. Rinker.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

There are two Hongkong First Division matches at Happy Valley to-day, the Club opposing the Shropshires, and the Navy meeting the R.G.A.

The former match, which takes place on the Club Ground, should prove very interesting, and a good game is expected. These teams have met twice before this season, once in the Hongkong League, when the Territorials were successful, and once in the United Services League, when the Club ran out winners. At present the K.S.L.I. and R.E. head the League with eight points each, but the former are a game in hand, and a victory over the Club will greatly improve their chances of winning the league. On the other hand, should the Club prove victorious, they will draw level with their two military rivals, and, as each team will have two more matches to play, a very exciting and interesting finish may be expected.

The match between the R.G.A. and Navy will not be a great attraction, as both teams are out of the running for championship honours. Last time they met the Navy gained a surprise victory, and the Gunners will no doubt be out to avenge this defeat.

There have been a good many cases lately of teams in the second division failing to meet their engagements. The idea seems to be that as soon as a team is out of the running for premier honours it has no more interest in the league. This is not the right spirit, for if football is worth playing at all it is worth playing for its own sake, and if players participate simply for the sake of gaining cups, medals, etc., the sooner league football is abolished the better for the game. Of course, some have been genuine cases, where it has been found impossible to raise a team, and in these circumstances it is merely unfortunate; but, even then, the team which does not intend playing should at least notify its prospective opponents, so as to avoid inconvenience and disappointment.

If all the teams turn out there are three second division matches to-day, which should result in wins for the Staff and Departments, "A" Co. K.S.L.I., and the South China Athletic.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

1ST DIVISION.

Navy v. R.G.A.—Navy Ground. Kick-off, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Davies.
H.K.F.C. v. K.S.L.I.—Club Ground. Kick-off, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Banks.

2ND DIVISION.

Staff and Departments v. Lusitano.—Navy Ground. Kick-off, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Weiss.
"A" Co. K.S.L.I. v. Kowloon.—Military Ground. Kick-off, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Jones.
R.E. (Res.) v. South China Athletic.—Club. Kick-off, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Ball.

TEAMS.

Navy.—Crocker, Palmer and Hopper; Burke, Hollanby and Biggs; Hutchingson, Cleaves, Sheehan, Carviel, and Daniel.
R.G.A.—Devine; Caple and Dickenson; Gorman, Talford and Edgeler; Youngman, Clutterbuck, Small, Leighton and Hall.
K.S.L.I.—Pritchards, Clayton and Wall; Morris, Williams and Henn; Braddock, Machin, Pritchards, Jones and Peplow.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division II. Table to Date.

Club	P	W	L	D	P.A.	P.
"D" Co. K.S.L.I.	7	6	1	0	19	5
Staff and Dep't	7	6	1	0	14	6
"A" Co. K.S.L.I.	7	5	1	1	17	2
8th Co. R.G.A.	6	3	1	2	6	8
8th Co. R.G.A.	5	3	1	1	6	7
8th Co. R.G.A.	7	1	2	4	9	7
R.E. Res.	8	2	4	2	18	6
Lusitano	3	2	2	1	7	9
Kowloon	6	1	4	1	3	11
8th Co. R.G.A.	9	0	5	3	2	10
Navy R.E.	6	0	5	1	11	15

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By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong Jockey Club.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1917. [224]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th February, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1917. [227]

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C. A. DA ROZA, A.S.A.A.,
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Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [228]

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The Public is requested to bring to the Firm's notice any instrument or document purporting to be made by the Firm whether before or after this date which is not signed by either the said S. M. CHUNG or the said C. HONKLEY.

THE UNION TRADING Co.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [198]

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the UNION TRADING COMPANY of No. 3, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, that on and after this date and until further notice Mr. S. M. CHUNG and Mr. C. HONKLEY are the only signers of the Firm and no person except them has any authority to sign any instrument or document on behalf of the Firm.

The Public is requested to bring to the Firm's notice any instrument or document purporting to be made by the Firm whether before or after this date which is not signed by either the said S. M. CHUNG or the said C. HONKLEY.

THE UNION TRADING Co.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [198]

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

OLDERSUP & SCHLUTER IN LIQUIDATION.
FIRST DIVIDEND OF 20%.

CREDITORS of the above Firm are hereby notified that a First Dividend of 20 per cent. on the amount of their Claims will be paid on application to the Undersigned on and after THURSDAY, the 1st of February, 1917.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
No. 18, Queen's Road Central,
Liquidators. [170]

SECOND & PER CENT. RUSSIAN INTERNAL SHORT TERM LOAN OF 1916.

ALTHOUGH THE SUBSCRIPTION LISTS were CLOSED on the 26th December, the RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK, Hongkong, is prepared to accept orders for the above Loan up to the 13th February, on the Subscription Terms, i.e., as previously advertised.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [201]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1917. [173]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
THE GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1917. [179]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1917. [189]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th, to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORRIS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1917. [181]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 13th February, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 13th February, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1917. [202]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st, to SATURDAY, 10th February, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.,
General Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1917. [223]

THE MALABON SUGAR COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE and TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th day of February, 1917, inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
SMITH, BELL & Co., LTD.,
General Managers.
Manila, P.I., 19th January, 1917. [216]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on SATURDAY, the 3rd February, 1917, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th January to 3rd February, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1917. [213]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATES, Nos. 243, 244, 245 and 246, for Five Shares each, \$25 paid up, Nos. 2601/2620, standing in the Register in the name of ANNEBROOK HARRIS, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificates be produced to the Society on or before the Twelfth day of April, 1917, new Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Society as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDM.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [176]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE, No. 888, for Five Shares, No. 357015589, standing in the Register in the name of ANNEBROOK HARRIS, having been declared LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be produced to the Company on or before the Twelfth day of April, 1917, a new Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDM.,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1917. [177]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED

ONE CERTIFICATE for 25 Shares Nos. 7409/7424 and ONE CERTIFICATE for 5 Shares Nos. 61493/61497 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. TANG LAM KONG, late of 15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, have been declared LOST, and at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above documents be null and void, unless Certificates for the said Shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
Hongkong, 17th January, 1917. [175]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 29th day of January, 1917, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Nathan Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Boundary No.	Locality.	Boundary Area (Approximate).	Original Area (Approximate).	Original Rent (Approximate).	Original Term.
1	10	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
2	11	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
3	12	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
4	13	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
5	14	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
6	15	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
7	16	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
8	17	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
9	18	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100
10	19	Victoria Road, Kowloon	100	100	100	100

GEO. P. LAMBERT, AUCTIONEER.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION

of VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong to be sold by Order of the Mortgagee by Public Auction on

TUESDAY,

the 6th day of February, 1917, at 3 o'clock p.m.

By

Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer,

at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

The Property Consists of—

ALL that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as MABINE LOT No. 25 Together with the messuages and premises thereon known as Nos. 6 and 7, Praya East and Nos. 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58 and 60 Queen's Road East, Victoria, aforesaid.

The said premises are held for the term of 999 years from the 9th day of July, 1844, created therein by a Crown Lease of the said Lot dated the 14th day of July, 1844, and made between Her late Majesty Queen, Victoria, of the one part and LEWIS YUEN WA, of the other part subject to the payment of the Crown Rent and to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants and conditions therein reserved and contained.

Area 27,500 square feet or thereabouts. Annual Crown Rent \$484.84.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

DENNIS & BOWLEY,

6 De Vries Road, Central,

Solicitors for the Vendor,

or to

Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer, Duddell Street.

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25 YEARS IN WOOD.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Telephone 616.

DEATH.

NISSET.—At the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, on January 21st, MARGARET ANNE NISSET, Superintendent of Nurses, Madras Government (Retired), widow of the late ROBERT STONY NISSET, of India, in her 84th year.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOGES ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 191, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG 27TH JANUARY, 1917.

THE ARMY AND INDUSTRY.

When compulsory military service was introduced in Great Britain less than a year ago it was opposed by Sir JOHN SIMON and others on the ground that for the successful prosecution of the war it was necessary that an adequate number of men should be retained for industrial purposes. It may be that those who urged this view doubted the possibility of ending the war speedily by breaking through the enemy's lines, and looked to economic exhaustion to convince the Central European Powers of the hopelessness of continuing the struggle, much in the same way as Germany is reported to-day to be maintaining her resistance in the belief that the Allies will be compelled eventually to relax their pressure owing to the ever-growing financial burden which it imposes upon them.

The anti-conscriptionists may have thought, also, that, after placing five million men in the field, blockading Germany by sea, and keeping the ocean highways open, Great Britain could best serve the common cause by devoting her remaining energies to financing her allies and supplying them with the munitions of war for the manufacture of which she possesses such unrivalled facilities. Undoubtedly some, if not all, of these opinions were entertained, and though they met with scant respect at the time events have shown that they were not entirely devoid of reason. It has long been evident that the war is to be a test of endurance, and that machinery is as indispensable as manpower to success. Behind the armies in

the field there must be armies of industrial workers, even more numerous, to keep them adequately supplied with food, arms and equipment. This was proved in the early days of the struggle, when our offensive in France was paralyzed by a shortage of high explosives, and it has been more painfully illustrated since in Russia, where there are innumerable reserves of men, and in Roumania. In both these theatres of war Germany has owed her triumphs not to the greater number or courage of the forces at her disposal but to her overwhelming superiority in guns. It is a part of Great Britain's duty to remove this handicap, and also to place her financial resources at the service of Belgium, Serbia, Portugal, and Italy. To discharge these responsibilities in addition to supporting her own troops at the various fronts it is obviously desirable that she should keep her factories running at the highest possible pressure in order to limit her imports and maintain her exports. It is therefore high time that an industrial mobilisation of the nation took place. The folly of sweeping men indiscriminately into the ranks of the Army has been demonstrated time and again. At first men had to be taken out of the trenches in order to make munitions. Next, owing to the shortage of shipping and the need for accelerating new construction, a very large number of engineers, fitters and mechanics were recalled from the Colours, and men formerly engaged in merchant shipbuilding were transferred from the munition factories to their old occupation. Then it was found that the stock of steel had fallen below requirements, and skilled steel workers were brought back from the Army. Finally, in order to relieve the congestion at the docks, arrangements were made for increasing the Transport Workers' Battalion by withdrawing experienced men from the forces retained in England for Home defence. At the present time we find the agriculturalists complaining that if they are robbed of their skilled labour by the military authorities they will be unable to develop the production of foodstuffs, which are so essential now that the nation's overseas supplies are seriously curtailed and have to be brought from a much greater distance than hitherto, despite reduced carrying facilities. By way of compromise, only half the number of men which, in the judgment of the tribunals, can be released from the farms are to be called up, and for the performance of their duties substitutes will be provided, including a proportion of men, now in the Army, who are experienced in the management of horses and accustomed to the use of the steam cultivator. Additional men will be sent, also, to assist in ploughing and sowing, thus assuring a volume of labour greater than that which has been available during the past eight months. There has been some talk of employing prisoners-of-war on the land, but, unless they have had previous training, the extent to which their services can be utilised must necessarily be limited. The whole position shows the necessity of carefully adjusting the conflicting claims of the Army and Industry, for many men are obviously of greater value to their country when following their ordinary occupations than when taking their place in the firing line.

Entries for the Hongkong race meeting close to-day (Saturday).

A report of the Medical Conference at Canton will be found on page 6.

Up to Chinese New Year the local St. John Ambulance Brigade had vaccinated 10,584 persons.

The annual general meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., will be held at the Hongkong hotel on Saturday, February 10th at 12 noon.

The Bishop of Victoria will preach at Christ Church, Shameen (Canton) tomorrow (Sunday) and hold confirmations during next week at Shek and Canton.

Mr. Francis White, secretary at the American Legation, left Peking on the 18th inst. for South China. He will be away from Peking for two months and will visit Siam before returning.

A general meeting of Guedes & Co., Ltd., (in liquidation) will be held at the office of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews on Monday, February 10th, at 12.30 p.m., in order to receive the report of the liquidator.

It has been reported to the police that between the 7th and 25th inst. some person broke into a store at 4, Wood Road by means of a duplicate key and stole six bales of Japanese white cotton, valued at \$904.63.

Mrs. Doyle, of Jordan Road, Kowloon, has reported to the police that between 2.15 and 5 p.m. on the 25th inst., when she was out, some person entered her house by breaking a window, and stole from a lock-fast drawer, with the aid of a duplicate key, jewellery to the value of \$325, and \$300 in money.

The following marriages are announced to take place in the Colony shortly:—Robert Henry Howie, constructional engineer, Station Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Janet Gillan Craig, 6, Cameron Villas, Kowloon; Francis Bevington, merchant, 114, The Peak, and Miss Jessie Olive Leslie Brown, "Craigburn," The Peak; Percy Lister Knight, chief assistant, P. and O. Company, Hongkong, and Miss Lucy Anna James, Matilda Hospital, The Peak.

The Exhibition Football Match, Civilians versus Services, played at the Happy Valley on the 23rd inst. in aid of the St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers, realised \$106.43, made up as follows:—Gate receipts, \$44; Collection boxes—Q.M.S. Williams, R.E., \$41.50; Br. Matthews, R.G.A., \$20.87. The whole of this sum will be handed over to the local War Charities Committee and earmarked for the above mentioned fund.

THE CYCLIST'S ACTION.

Yesterday in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz the hearing of the action by John Carr, electrical engineer, of Leighton Hill Road, against the Ip On Wing Co. and the Li Wing Kwong, junk owners, was resumed. The action is to recover \$500 for damages sustained by the plaintiff owing to the negligence of the defendants, who are alleged to have had a landing board projecting from a junk over the roadway in the Praya East. Plaintiff, who was riding a bicycle on the Praya, ran into the obstruction in the dark, and sustained damage to his bicycle and injury to his person.

The plaintiff was recalled by Mr. Mattingley, and examined on various points. The other witnesses called were Inspector Sims, Inspector R. C. Witchell, and Kok U, a foki employed on the junk.

In the course of the day the Court and counsel and solicitors inspected the landing board, which was exhibited outside the Court buildings, and after the final adjournment a visit was paid to the *locus in quo* of the accident at an hour when the tide was at a height corresponding to that at which it was at the time of the accident.

The hearing will be resumed this morning, when it is expected to be concluded.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.

INCORRECT SCALES.

Three shopkeepers were fined \$10, \$5 and \$5 for having incorrect scales. Inspector Torrett said the scales were four per cent., two per cent. and three per cent. against the purchasers.

A SNATCHER'S SENTENCE.

Charged before Mr. Melbourne with snatching a gold mounted rattan bangle from a girl, a Chinese was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks. The snatcher, who is a bad character, was also ordered to receive ten strokes with the birch.

INDIANS AND THEIR GOATS.

A group of nine Indians were brought before Mr. Melbourne on a summons charging them with allowing goats to destroy vegetation on the hillside near King's Park, Kowloon. Two of the Indians admitted that the offending goats belonged to them and these were fined \$3. The other men were discharged. Mr. Melbourne remarked that it cost the Government a lot of money to keep up the vegetation of the Colony, and if goats were allowed to run about in this way they would destroy everything.

THE WAR.

IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE EXPLAINS THE OBJECTS.
STRENGTHENING ALLIES' SEA POWER.
PEACE PARLEY.

General.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND PEACE.

PREPARED TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

AMSTERDAM, January 26th.

In the Hungarian Parliament Count Tisza, President of the Council, referring to President Wilson's speech, said he sympathetically greeted every effort to restore peace, therefore he was inclined to continue the exchange of views on peace with the United States, but the Entente war aims, which meant the disintegration of Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire, were irreconcilable to President Wilson's aims. He asserted that Hungary honoured the principle of nationalities, indeed, the free development of the nations in south-eastern Europe could only be completely realisable by the existence of the domination of Austria-Hungary. Therefore, they were completely in agreement with President Wilson.

CAUTIOUS HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, January 26th.

The Foreign Minister has expressed the opinion that it would be an unwise policy for the Netherlands to bind itself to exercise economic and military compulsion against any other power, as outlined in President Wilson's speech.

REGULATING EXCHANGE.

LONDON, January 26th.

An Order-in-Council renders compulsory the sale of or loan to the Treasury of foreign securities required to regulate exchange. Hitherto these transactions have been voluntary.

PRICE OF COAL.

PARIS, January 26th.

Coal is 10s. per hundredweight.

EARLIER CABLES.

LABOUR AND THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, January 24th.

The annual Conference of the Labour Party, held at Manchester, overwhelmingly endorsed the Labourites joining the Government.

COLLIERS TO BE CALLED UP.

LONDON, January 26th.

It is stated that the collieries have been notified of the calling up of certain classes of miners for military service, including those who have entered the mines since the war, some surface workers, officials, and also those eligible for service who are habitual time-losers.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

RECORD FOREIGN TRADE.

LONDON, January 26th.

The Japanese Budget has been introduced in the Diet. It provides for the application of eight millions to the foreign market from the Sinking Fund, the issue of nearly fourteen millions in domestic loans, and a million and a half as a supplementary naval vote.

Last year was a record in foreign trade, the exports totalling 118 millions and the imports 78 millions sterling.

JAPANESE PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

TOKYO, January 26th.

The Emperor has dissolved Parliament.

IMPERIAL WAR COUNCIL.

VIEWS OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

NEW EPOCH IN HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE.

LONDON, January 26th.

Mr. Lloyd George, in an important interview on the subject of the forthcoming Imperial War Council, with the London correspondent of the Australian United Cable Service, said:—"I do not wish to interfere in any way with the affairs of a great self-governing Dominion, but we took the step of urgently inviting the Dominions' Premiers to London despite the fact that it might cause much inconvenience locally, because we desired their advice and assistance in coming to decisions about the conduct of the war and the negotiations for peace. As Australia knows, I am no jingo. My record contains no journeyings into flamboyant Imperialism, yet I regard this Council as marking the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the Empire. The war has changed us; heaven knows, it has taught us more than we yet understand. It has opened a new age for us, and we want to go into that age together with our fellow Overseas, just as we have come through the darkness together and shed our blood and treasure together. It was obvious, however, that, in Mr. Lloyd George's mind, the first duty of the Council will be to consider the immediate task of winning the war. "The Empire War Council," he said, he said, "will deal with all general questions affecting the war. Prime Ministers or their representatives will be temporary members of the War Cabinet, and we propose to arrange that matters of first-rate importance should be considered at a series of special meetings. Nothing affecting the Dominions, the conduct of the war, or negotiations for peace will be excluded from its purview. There will, of course, be domestic questions which each part of the Empire must settle for itself; questions such as recruiting in the United Kingdom, or Home legislation. Such domestic matters will be our only reservation, but we propose that everything else, so to speak, shall be on the table."

"Will discussions include such matters as the fate of the German Colonies?" the Premier was asked. Mr. Lloyd George replied:—"That is one obvious question, but there are many questions of equal moment. All the difficult problems connected with the making of peace, as was stated in the Government's invitation, will be thrashed out. The war policy of the Empire will be clearly defined, and of great importance is what I may call the preparation for peace. That will involve, not only demobilisation, but such after-the-war questions as the migration of our people to other parts of the Empire, the settlement of our soldiers on the land, commerce and industry."

"You have not hesitated to depart from precedent," remarked the correspondent. "We certainly have not," said the Premier, "but in these days we cannot hesitate because we are breaking precedent. The Empire has thrown itself heart and soul into the war, and we should be failing in our duty if we did not take every possible step to see that its leaders get together from time to time. You do not suppose that we think that the Overseas nations can raise and place in the field armies containing an enormous proportion of their best manhood and not want to have a say, and a real say, in determining the use to which they are to be put. That seems to us an impossible and undemocratic proposition. That is why one of the first acts of the new Government was to ask the Overseas Premiers to come over, not to an informal Imperial Conference, but to sit in an Executive Cabinet of the Empire. That is why we arranged for representatives of India, which has rendered invaluable service to our common cause, to be present also."

The correspondent asked:—"This implies that the Conference should meet as soon as possible?" Mr. Lloyd George replied:—"Certainly. The war is not won yet, and we want to concert our efforts so that we may exert our maximum strength at the critical moment. Further, we are most anxious that, during the last and most trying phase of the war, the British Empire may present to the world an absolutely united front. Up to the present, the British Government has shouldered the responsibility for the policy of the war practically alone. It now wishes to know that in its measures for prosecuting the war to a finish, and in its negotiations for peace, it will be carrying out a policy agreed upon by the representatives of the whole Empire sitting in plenary council together."

The interviewer:—"What about after the war?"

Mr. Lloyd George:—"If you mean by that constitutional reconstruction, I can only say it is too soon to talk about after the war, but I can only say this: things can never be the same after the war, as they were before it. Five democracies, all parts of one Empire, cannot shed their blood with a heroism and a disregard of the cost which have been beyond all praise, without leaving memories of comradeship and great accomplishment which will never die. Of this I am certain, the peoples of the Empire will have found a unity in the war such as never existed before—a unity not only in history, but of purpose. What practical change in Imperial organisation that will mean, I will not venture to predict. That it will involve some change is certain. I believe that all the statesmen of the Old Country and the Dominions who have spoken about it are unanimous on that point. The forthcoming War Council, however, cannot deal with these fundamental post-war problems, but it may afford some insight into the form they may take."

"Then you are sanguine about the future of the Empire?" the interviewer asked.

In reply, Mr. Lloyd George said:—"If we see the war through, I certainly am. You don't suppose the great combination of peoples who make up the Empire can have stood steadfastly together with their Allies in order to discredit and overthrow the most brutal and inhuman machine for the destruction of human liberties the world has ever seen, and not have discovered new ground for friendship? We stand at this moment on the verge of the greatest liberation the world has seen since the French Revolution. Do you tell me that peoples who have stood together and staked literally everything in order to bring that liberation about are not going to find some way of perpetuating that unity afterwards on an equal basis? I am certain that they will. Further, there will be much for them to do. Peace terms will be only a beginning. After they are satisfactorily arranged, we shall have to set to work to build up that ordered freedom and fraternity which is the only security for human peace and progress and which militarism has destroyed. And it is not certain that nations which have borne the heat and burden of the day in overthrowing that militarism will take a leading share in building that new Earth which they have made possible by their sacrifice? If we endure to the end, I have small fears for the future, and not the least important of the foundations for the work we shall have to do together in that future, will be this War Council of British peoples."

PEACE PARLEY.

VARYING VIEWS.

AMSTERDAM, January 26th.

The Austrian Press agrees in the main with President Wilson's contentions, especially with reference to "the freedom of the seas." It points out that peace without victory is opposed to the Entente's demands.

AMERICAN SENATE AND THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, January 26th.

A motion by Senator Cummings, in the Senate, proposing the setting aside of a week for a discussion on President Wilson's speech, which he described as "the most important ever made by a President of the United States," was shelved.

Senator Stone, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said it was impossible for the Senate to take official action on the speech and a debate would be merely a waste of time.

Senator Weeks complained of the President using the Senate as a megaphone. Senator Sherman described the address as a stump speech.

Senator Lodge ridiculed the idea of settling foreign wars by a Senate resolution.

PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, January 26th.

Commentaries on President Wilson's speech continue to be unfavourable. The German Press repudiates it.

The *Koelnische Volkszeitung* says:—"We flatly refuse his peace without victory. Moreover, his suggestion regarding Poland is intolerable. We can only say: 'Hands off!'"

The Spanish Press considers the speech too idealistic, and regards its aims as unrealistic.

The Italian Press thinks that President Wilson's ideals are only logically realisable by victory for the nations fighting to prevent the triumph of violence.

The Canadian Press resents President Wilson's request that the Allies shall make a dishonouring peace, and advises him to consult American history and to remember the spirit of Lincoln.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S VIEWS.

NEW YORK, January 26th.

Mr. Roosevelt describes President Wilson's speech as "a grandiloquent promise, made with the object of concealing the Administration's pitiful ignominy and shirking." Mr. Roosevelt says that it is ridiculous and insincere to mouth about righteousness, unless the Government is prepared to take up an emphatic position regarding the deportations from France and Belgium and the submarine murders, and to bring peace and justice to Mexico.

The American provincial press is generally puzzled at the speech, and reminds Dr. Wilson that the United States lacks the sea and land power necessary to enforce its will.

The German-American newspapers are elated at the President's utterance, which they declare, follows the line of the recent statements of German statesmen.

Franco-Belgian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH ACTIVITY.

SUCCESSFUL RAID.

LONDON, January 26th.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—"We made a successful raid at noon in the neighbourhood of Hulluch. Many of the enemy were killed, some were taken prisoners, and a dug-out was destroyed. We had four slightly wounded."

We drove off two raiding parties last night eastward of Fanniassart. A third party reached our trenches eastward of Ypres, but was immediately driven out, and our position was re-established.

There has been much aerial activity. Anti-aircraft guns brought down an enemy machine, and in the course of air-fights four others were destroyed and three were driven down in a damaged condition. Three of ours are missing.

SUCCESSFUL FRENCH BOMBARDMENTS.

PARIS, January 26th.

A communiqué says:—"German organisations and batteries in the region of Lunerville and Harman's Willertop have been destructively bombarded. There has been a fairly lively artillery struggle in Upper Alsace."

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN COUP DE MAIN FAILS.

PARIS, January 26th.

A communiqué says:—"A German coup de main, after a heavy bombardment three kilometres south-east of Berry-au-Bac, failed. The enemy left many dead. Two enemy aeroplanes were brought down, including Lieutenant Guyonnet's twenty-seventh."

Naval Activities.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CAPTURED RAIDER.

DECORATED "HEROES."

LONDON, January 26th.

A telegram from Pernambuco says that the captured *St. Theodor* was sent on a raiding expedition on December 26th, 1916. Many of the officers on board the German raider wore Iron Crosses for service on the *Moeve*.

When the *Mount Temple* was sunk the cargo of horses swam towards the raider, but were shot from the deck by the officers and crew.

ALLIED NAVAL CONFERENCE.

DISCUSSION ON NAVAL POLICY IN MEDITERRANEAN.

LONDON, January 26th.

The Admiralty announces that during the last few days a conference has taken place at the Admiralty between the British, French and Italian Admiralties, at which was discussed naval policy in the Mediterranean. Great Britain's delegates were:—Sir Edward Carson, Sir John Jellicoe, and Commodore Halsey (Chief of Staff) and Vice-Admiral Oliver. France was represented by Minister of Marine and Rear-Admiral Lacaze, Chief of Staff, Vice-Admiral Debon, Rear-Admiral Fatin (Naval Attaché in London), and Rear-Admiral Deloutende. Italy was represented by Vice-Admiral Corse (Sub-chief of Staff), Rear-Admiral Marzolo (Naval Attaché in London), and Captain Divallare. There were also in attendance Signor Dalloio, Italian Minister of Munitions, M. De Joly, French Director of Shipping, and Signor Ancona, Italian Under-Secretary of Transport, together with naval and civilian experts.

Mr. Lloyd George indicated proposals which, in the opinion of the British Government, would tend to closer co-ordination and more effective unity of action of the Allied forces in the Mediterranean.

The results of the conference have been entirely satisfactory. The decisions are important, affecting, besides naval operations, the use of shipping and control of trade routes, and other cognate problems.

EARLIER CABLES.

RUSSIAN SUBMARINE ACTIVITY.

LONDON, January 26th.

A Russian official message says:—"One of our submarines sank four submarines in the Bosphorus, and drove ashore three others."

SINKINGS.

LONDON, January 26th.

The following steamers have been sunk:—*Tremador* (British), *Reinunga* (Norwegian), and the *Klampanborg* (Danish).

A boatload of the crew of the *Tremador* is missing.

THE NORTH SEA FIGHT.

GERMAN FLEET "SURROUNDED AND DAZZLED."

LONDON, January 26th.

Detail of the North Sea fight are still confined to Dutch sources. They agree that the German fleet was surrounded and dazzled by the British searchlights. It fought bravely, but the rapidity and accuracy of the British fire were irresistible.

It is not known whether the Germans were proceeding to Wilhelmshaven or were intending to raid the Channel, but they were undoubtedly caught unawares by the British, who were in the right place at the right time, and who out-maneuvred and routed the enemy in waters which the latter claim to control.

It is estimated now that the Germans have lost 30 or 40 torpedo-boats in such actions.

Experts are of the opinion that the hammering will prove salutary and prevent much use of Zebrugge for some time.

A German official wireless message says:—"The *V60* received a direct hit on the bridge, and Captain Max Schultz, commanding the flotilla since the beginning of the war, was killed, with two officers and a few others. The steering gear was damaged, causing the boat to collide with another ship. The *V69* was seriously damaged and ran to Ymuiden unmolested."

The ship previously rammed by the *V69* continued to participate in the fight, ramming and seriously damaging an English destroyer, which a German aeroplane subsequently reported as sinking. The German vessel escaped at a reduced speed, and reached a German point d'appui. A third ship encountered numerous enemy destroyers and, attacking, immediately sank a large destroyer by torpedo at close range. She reached port in safety.

The British Admiralty reiterated that the only British casualty was a destroyer, which was torpedoed and sunk, as cabled previously.

CONFERENCE OF NAVAL CHIEFS.

THE ALLIES' SEA POWER.

LONDON, January 26th.

An important conference of naval chiefs, representing England, France and Italy, began at the Admiralty on Tuesday and was concluded yesterday. The attendance included the French and Italian Ministers of Marine.

The Allied Naval War Council in London reached a complete understanding, and there is every reason to hope that it will result in the strengthening of the Allies' sea power.

The Balkans.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALM IN ROUMANIA.

LONDON, January 26th.

The *Times*' correspondent at Jassy states that intense cold has practically stopped military operations.

EARLIER CABLES.

GREECE TO SALUTE ALLIES' FLAGS.

ATHENS, January 26th.

The ceremonial of saluting the Allies' flags, in accordance with the ultimatum demand, will take place on the 27th inst. The Allied Ministers, the Admiral, the Commander-in-Chief and representatives of the Allied Navies will attend.

GREEK REGRET.

LONDON, January 26th.

Reuter states that the Greek Government has handed the Allies a Note, formally expressing regret for the events of December 1st and 2nd.

Russian Front.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, January 26th.

A wireless German official report states:—"We have progressed on both banks of the Aa."

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

LONDON, January 26th.

A wireless German official message says:—"We attacked on a ten kilometre front on both sides of the Aa River. We took 1,714 prisoners and thirteen machine guns."

RUSSIAN VIEW.

A wireless Russian official message says:—"After violent fighting, we dislodged and threw back the enemy to the east of the Tirul swamp."

We adopted the offensive south-east of the Aa River. The Germans adopted a counter-offensive and threw us back one-third of a mile.

FOUR DAYS IN THE ARMY. EXPERIENCES OF A HONGKONG VOLUNTEER.

To have been sent home to England from Hongkong by the Government for the purpose of joining up, to be in the Army proper for four days, and subsequently to be sent back to Hongkong "wounded" is an experience which has fallen to few in the present war, but this is what happened to E. L. S. Alves, who returned to Hongkong from England by the *s.s. Malta* on Thursday. Alves is wearing the badge of the King's Royal Rifles on a red back-ground, indicating that he has been discharged "wounded," and he is now only able to walk with the aid of a stick and a securely strapped left leg. This was not brought about by a Hun bullet; Alves wishes it had been, for, according to him, "it is worth while being wounded by a Hun bullet if one can only get to the front." He himself, though very keen to go to France, was doomed from the start.

On the day war broke out Alves, who was then in Hongkong, joined the local Volunteers (engineer section) and at once put in for active service, but his offers were declined on account of his height; he is only a very few inches over five feet. He applied on several subsequent occasions and eventually, on November 24th, 1915, he left Hongkong on the *P. and O. Nagoya*, and arrived in England on January 15th, 1916. Here, through the good offices of Mr. M. W. Slade, a former Hongkong barrister, Alves joined the King's Royal Rifles, and commenced training at Sheerness. He had been in uniform for only four days when he sprained an ankle while doing duty in a trench, and this eventually resulted in his being sent back to Hongkong "wounded." He was placed in hospital, but the ankle "swelled like a football," and no-one seemed to know what was really the matter. In turn Alves was sent to six hospitals, Sheerness, Broadway, Fort Pitt, the "Drill Hall," the V.A.D. hospital (Strood) and Croydon, but the damaged limb never regained its normal condition, and, in the end, Alves was placed on the "permanently wounded" list, and was sent back to Hongkong by the *Malta*, very much aggrieved that he had been unable to attain his great desire, active service in France. The X-rays were applied six times to the damaged ankle, and on one occasion Sir Frederick Treves, when visiting the hospital, examined it, but Alves was informed that he might be able to walk about as usual in three years' time, and his injury was diagnosed as "dropped foot." In a few weeks' time Alves will receive the "discharged medal," issued recently by order of the King, he having been recommended for the memento by the Colonel of his regiment. His pension will be 14s. per week.

While in the various hospitals the Hongkong Volunteer met many wounded "Tommys," and he says their spirit was wonderful to behold. Though many of the "cases" must have been suffering much pain they laughed and joked just as if nothing was the matter, and they were all very keen on getting back to the scene of action again. Such is the spirit of the British "Tommy." Alves also met two Hongkong men while training with the K.R.R. One was E. K. Holmes, a former Hongkong solicitor, who is a Corporal, and is now at the front, and the other was Warre (formerly with Gilman & Co.) who, at the time Alves met him, was suffering from a badly wounded leg. Mr. M. W. Slade, who is doing much good work with the Red Cross Society, takes a great interest in the men who come from Hongkong. He was a frequent visitor to Alves when he was in hospital, and also saw to it that he had everything he required, in addition to a "sub" of 10s. per week, which, says Alves, "came in very useful when I was allowed out." All the men from overseas are accorded a great reception by Londoners and others. "My badge on its red background was the passport to all sorts of favour," added Alves. "The London people know the meaning of all the badges, etc., and even ladies often gave up their seats for me when they spotted my badge when travelling in a crowded bus or the underground railway. They look after a wounded 'Tommy' in a manner which cannot but help to make things easier for the poor chap; and some of them are very badly battered. I can assure you."

Though only able to walk with the aid of a stout stick, Alves says he is still willing to do something for his country and thinks that employment might be found for him on the searchlights, or something of that nature—if the local authorities will only "look over my gummy ankle."

THE TONGUE IS THE INDEX.

DR. MORSE'S
INDIAN ROOT PILLS
FOR THE LIVER

REFRESH TO THE BACKBONE

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AN ARTICLE IN "THE TIMES"

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S PROPOSAL.

I have discussed this with one or another of my colleagues a good many times during the past few weeks. It was, I think, a week ago to-day, last Friday, that my friend Mr. Lloyd George brought me a specific proposal—the matter had been generally considered—that the War Committee should consist of three members, one of the three being chairman... The Prime Minister was not to be a member of the Committee. The Committee was to take full power, subject to the supreme control of the Prime Minister, to direct any question connected with the war... I considered the proposal, and, having done so, I replied on the same day (I am not going to read the letter) that, having considered it, and I gave various reasons—in my opinion, whatever changes were made in the constitution or functions of the Committee, the Prime Minister must be its chairman. (Cheers.) I say at once

TWO POINTS OF DIFFERENCE.

THE ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED

This is how it was commented upon:

AN ARTICLE IN "THE TIMES."

"The gist of his proposal [Mr. Lloyd George's] is understood to be the establishment forthwith of a small War Council, fully charged with the supreme direction of the war. Of this Council Mr. Asquith himself is not to be a member; the assumption being that the Prime Minister has sufficient care of a more general character without devoting himself wholly, as the new Council must be devoted if it is to be effective, to the daily task of organizing victory. Certain of Mr. Asquith's colleagues are also excluded on the ground of temperament, from a body which can only succeed if it is harmonious and decisive. On the top of all this comes the official announcement that the Prime Minister had decided upon reconstruction. It means, we assume, that he consents in principle to Mr. Lloyd George's proposals. The conversion has been swift, but Mr. Asquith has never been slow to note political tendencies when they become inevitable. The testimony of his closest supporters must have convinced him by this time that matters cannot possibly go on as at present. They must have convinced him, too, that his own qualities are fitted better to preserve the unity of the nation (though we have never doubted his unity) than to force the pace of a War Council."

CONSULTATION WITH COLLEAGUES.

HELP FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

I have been asked, and it is a perfectly fair question for you to put to me, why I did not agree to act in a subordinate capacity. My own inclination was strongly against any such a course, and I again consulted my friends and colleagues and they were unanimous in advising me not to do so. I need not tell you that they did not put it on any ground of *amour propre* at all, or wounded pride, or anything of the sort. No such consideration operated or could operate, I thought myself, and they pointed out, and I am certain it is true, that if I were to come into the new Government (which I wish from the bottom of my heart, without any kind of affectation or reserve, the most complete success) in whatever capacity you like, but not as the head of the Government, these attacks would continue. If any thing went wrong it would be said "Oh, there is the old paralysing touch there." (Cheers.) "You have not made a clear job of the matter. Why do you not remove the taint and the cancer which has been so fatal to the effective prosecution of the war in the past?" And my unfortunate new colleagues would in a very short time have found themselves confronted with the necessity either of getting rid of me altogether or of getting themselves tarred with the same terrible brush. I really do not think, and my colleagues did not think, that I could as effectually serve the new Government, and what is still more important, the real interests of the State, as a member of it as I could outside, and outside I am remaining with the sole object—I do not know that I need assure you of this—of lending such help as I can with all my heart and with all such strength as remains to me in order to assist them in the great task which lies before us. (Cheers.)

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

OFFICER'S VIVID STORY OF WAR
REALITIES.

WATCHING A SISTER PUSH.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

"I am well and cheerful now—for one night it was otherwise. My company commander and I sitting on two petrol tins up to our waists in "go" (mud), back to back, a ground sheet over our heads, pouring rain, in a shell hole in front of the line, both as glum as Bainsfather's best. Jolly funny now, but it wasn't at the time. Gad, I was never more miserable, but that's why its such a joke now. Reaction of you like—call it what you will.

FIRE BRAND FOR EX-MINISTERS.

It is suggested that I put some kind of pressure—it is a false and infamous suggestion—upon my late colleagues who are sitting here not to join the Government. I have done nothing of the kind—absolutely nothing of the kind. I have said to them collectively, and I have said to them individually, "Exercise your own judgment; consider how you can best serve them. If you think you can serve them by going in, for God's sake go in; if you can best serve them by remaining with me outside, stay outside. I do not quarrel with your judgment or attempt to exercise any pressure upon you one way or the other." Such a suggestion shows to what a terrible depth

the standards of public decency have fallen. (Loud cheers.) Whatever have been my faults and shortcomings, and no one is more conscious of them than I, at any rate I have been Prime Minister of this country for the best part of nine-years, and have now for two-and-a-half-years been engaged day by day under a strain and stress of labour and anxiety, and lately under the burden of heavy domestic sorrow, which no one who has not borne it can even conceive. I am speaking to you here, and I say it is almost unbelievable, that anyone should venture to suggest that I am trying or ever have been trying to exercise pressure to resign my patriotic and public-spirited colleagues from doing their fair share in the work of the State and the conduct of the war. I cannot describe to you in adequate terms how strongly I feel that it is the duty of all of us at this time to avoid anything in the nature of recrimination. If there have been misunderstandings, let us bury them. Whatever differences of opinion we may have either as to the past or as to the future, let us give each and all the credit, as I do without any reservation, for the best motives and the most single-minded desire to serve the country and carry on the war, and let us, above all, each of us do whatever he can, whether by speech or by action, by hearty co-operation to facilitate the task which is before the country now. That is my hope, that is my desire, that is my intention, and I trust it is yours. (Cheers.)

The following resolution was carried:
 "That this meeting records its thanks to Mr. Asquith for his long and magnificent services to the nation, its unshaken confidence in him as leader of the Liberal Party, and its determination to give support to the King's Government engaged in the effective prosecution of the war."

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams:

Working in the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's office at Hong

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The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's office at Hongkong:

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Li, Lung and Su, Tung Sang		
Lung, Ch.	Shanghai	
Morobiff, Chuan, Imperial		
Bands	Panagrat	
Hongli	Amoy	
Kwanching	Shanghai	
Kuananching	Shanghai	
King Kee	Amoy	
Lo Moo	Shanghai	
Loon Fook, Shoe Shop,		
Wanabai	Shanghai	
Wahin, Chin Chuan Pinc	Shanghai	
Wahing-pen-joo, Mittal Bazaar	Shanghai	

St. John's CATHEDRAL, Hongkong

Sunday after Epiphany, 29th January.
 8.0 a.m. Holy Communion (7th ann.) Matins
 11 a.m. Responses, Psalms, Venite, Hymns,
 Gospels, of the 29th morning; 1st Lesson
 Psalm 119, verses 1-6; 2nd Lesson, Luke
 11:1-13; Gospel, John 1:6-13; Creed;
 Collect, James and Pys; Jubilate, Monk (4th
 tone); Hymns, 291 and 271; God Save the
 King; Ave Maria; Benediction; Prayers
 1.25 p.m.—Psalms 138, 139, 140, 141, 142,
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UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road, Sunday
8th January. Sunday Services. Morning
Services at 11. Hymns, 344, 543, 14 and 6.
Evening Service at 6. Hymns, 361, 221, 800,
36 and 371. Preacher, Rev. J. Kin
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day, 5.30 p.m.

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But as you and I and all the world know, money alone cannot bring complete happiness. Doubtless we should be in agreement if we said that at least it would be helpful to that end. We are held by the ages, and experience proves that the health is the basis and the price of life. All the more reason, then, why it should be jealously guarded. We should all, therefore, grasp health with both hands, as it is above and beyond riches. For the every-day ailments which afflict us all at one time or another, there is nothing that will aid you better than Mother Seigel's Syrup. This great stomach and liver tonic and dose helps you to eat and regain health. Nature's is a general rule is not unlike to us providing we take note of the warnings she gives. The daily headache, if not treated, will surely lead to worse trouble; perhaps biliousness may follow, which is a sure indication that it is not right with your digestive organs. The proper thing, therefore, is to act at once. Mother Seigel's Syrup does take a course of Mother Seigel's Syrup and therefore keep it in your home as your family remedy.

I think you will be interested to learn what Mother Seigel's Syrup has done for me. I don't think that anyone could possibly have suffered more keenly from the pains of Indigestion than I have during a long period of my life. Right from a young woman I had been a victim of this complaint until twelve years ago, when through Mother Seigel's Syrup I was completely banished it. As I am now nearing 70 years of age you will see that I was in its grip for nearly 40 years. These bottles of your remedy made me a new woman, when I had got into a very low state, through not only being unable to take food, but also through loss of sleep. The consequence was that I could follow if I did. To-day my health and appetite are both excellent."—Mary Cripps, Well Cottage, Leagrave, Bedford, Stroud, Glos., July 12th, 1916.

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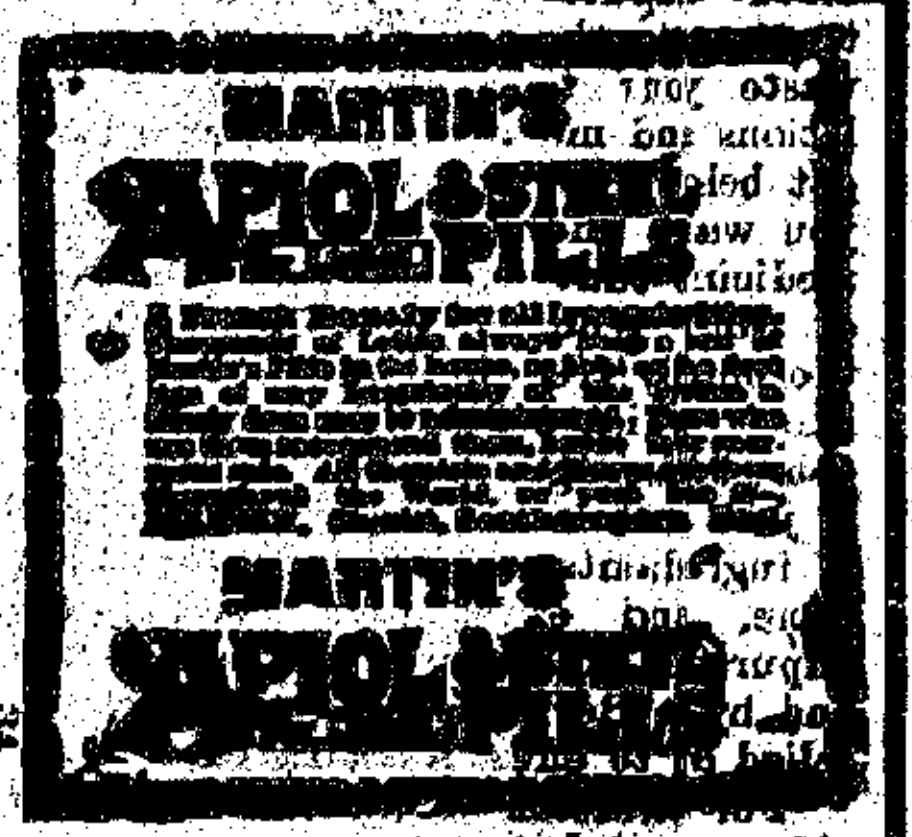
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ARRIVALS

BINTING, Dutch str., 5,547, G. Terwiel, 25th January—San Francisco 20th December. General—Java—China—Japan—Lijn.

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LUDHOW, British str., 1,228, De Wolf, 25th January—Swatow 24th January, General—Butterfield & Swire.

MITSUKI MARU, Japanese str., 2,291, T. Nakamura, 25th January—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

PATRIOT, British str., 1,605, Bruh, 25th January—Chingwangtao 18th January, Coal—Doddwell & Co.

ST. ALBANS, British str., 4,118, E. T. Picher, 25th January—Kobe 21st January, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TSILAMON, British str., 2,843, W. A. Dawson, 25th January—General—Butterfield & Swire.

TSURU MARU, Japanese str., 2,029, D. Nakao, 25th January—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

WATSON, British str., 1,170, Picknell, 25th January—Saigon 18th January, Rice—Order.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TO-DAY

Entries close for Hongkong Race Meeting.

Monday, 29th Jan.—11.30 a.m.—The West Point Buildings Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

11.45 a.m.—The Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Noon—The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

12.15 p.m.—The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Public Works Dept.

Wednesday, 31st Jan.—12.30 p.m.—Hongkong Benevolent Society, Annual General Meeting at the City Hall.

Saturday, 3rd Feb.—11.30 a.m.—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Tuesday, 6th Feb.—3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lamont.

Saturday, 10th Feb.—11 a.m.—The Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders.

Noon—Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders at the Hongkong Hotel.

Tuesday, 13th Feb.—Noon—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. Meeting of Shareholders.

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HAIPHONG ... "LOONGSANG" ... Tuesday, 30th Jan., 7 A.M.

SHANGHAI ... "YUSANG" ... Tuesday, 30th Jan., 11 P.M.

SHANGHAI ... "WINGSANG" ... Wednesday, 31st Jan., 11 P.M.

MANILA ... "YUENSANG" ... Saturday, 3rd Feb., 2 P.M.

SHANGHAI, KOBÉ AND MOJI ... "KUTSANG" ... Tuesday, 6th Feb., 11 P.M.

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E. V. D. PARR, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1917.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 26th at 10.18.—Pressure has increased moderately over Japan and N.E. China, and slightly over the Yangtze Valley and the Philippines. It has decreased moderately to slightly from S.W. Japan to Hongkong.

The anti-cyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over S. Mongolia.

Moderate to fresh monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.06 inch. Total since 1st January 0.34 inch, against an average of 1.03 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows—

Distance Forecast

Hongkong to Gap East—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

Fomosa Channel—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

South Coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Fomosa—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

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